Texas Providers Webinar Highlights - October 5, 2021

Read below for topics covered or view the <u>full video</u> for detailed information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- The US Food and Drug Administration has scheduled the following meetings with its Vaccines and Related Biological Products advisory committee:
 - October 14, 2021: Moderna COVID-19 Boosters
 - October 15, 2021: Janssen COVID-19 Boosters
 - October 26, 2021: Pfizer COVID-19 for 5-11 years of age

A Word from the VacShipments Team

- Full pack size orders and less than full pack size orders of COVID-19 vaccine are processed in VAOS differently. The two distinct processes are as follows:
 - When a provider places a **full pack size order** of vaccine in VAOS, DSHS processes the order request, and the manufacturer of the vaccine sends the full pack of vaccine to the provider. Upon receiving the shipment, the provider confirms receipt of shipment in VAOS.
 - When a provider places a less than full pack size order in VAOS, the order is processed like a transfer and providers do not need to confirm receipt of shipment in VAOS. This is because DSHS receives the order and fulfills the request from the state supply of vaccine. Health Hero America delivers the shipment, or a local health department arranges delivery or pickup. If Health Hero America delivers the shipment, then the following Monday provider will receive two emails notifying them that a transfer has been imitated and approved. This is for the shipment they already received. At this point their vaccine inventory in VAOS will be updated and they may begin to administer the doses received in the shipment.

Provider Resources:

- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources</u> (training and support materials)
- ImmTrac2 User Training Site
- ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment</u> Information
- CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Session Live Q&A:

- We have a patient who inadvertently received Pfizer as a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and Moderna as a second dose. He is asking for the Pfizer booster. Can we administer this booster?
- Are there plans for Pfizer/Moderna/J&J to make single-dose syringe vaccine (like the flu vaccine) instead of multi-dose vials?
- If a patient's initial 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series is not entered in ImmTrac2 but he says he received both doses, can we give him a booster?
- How often should I be reporting vaccine waste?

